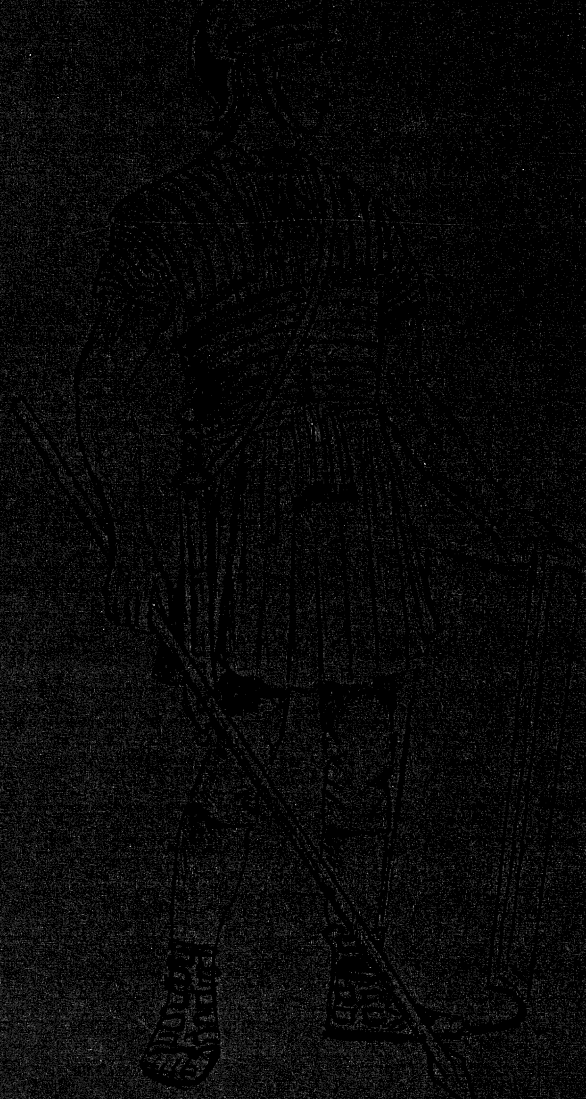


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NOTES AND NEWS

Autumn 1974

The autumn term was a long and busy one; many visits were arranged, varying from a second form trip to Quinney's Dairies to a stay in Amsterdam for members of the sixth form. There were sixth form visits to a fashion show in Stratford and to a Spanish play at Birmingham University; science lectures attended included 'Water for life' in Leicester and another at Warwick University. The lower sixth industrial archaeology group were able to visit Sarehole Mill, near Birmingham, and the Kennet-Avon Canal exhibition.

Events organised by the Parents' Association included a Barn Dance and a Dickensian evening of carols and Christmas readings at Coughton Court, which helped to compensate for the lack of a Carol Service. This year's school play was 'The Drunkard', a Victorian melodrama, and the end of term was enlivened by the traditional Junior Party and a pantomime, 'Snow White and the Six Dwarfs' (owing to inflation) which was written and produced by the upper sixth.

Spring and Summer 1975

The rest of the school year continued to be as busy as the beginning. The third form visited the Science Fair at Warwick University, accompanied by Mr. Sawyer and Mrs. Hughes. An entertaining three-legged fancy-dress football match, resulting in a draw, took place for charity between the upper and lower sixth. There were several theatre trips organised by Mrs. Mulholland: "The Importance of Being Earnest" and "Jumpers" at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, and "The Real Inspector Hound" at Warwick University. All these trips were attended and enjoyed by varying age groups.

Mr. Johnson arranged more visits of industrial archaeological interest to Mayswood Forestry Centre, Avoncroft Museum, Stratford-upon-Avon Canal and Hoc Mill, which were attended by attentive lower sixth and fifth formers. Second and third formers enjoyed a day at the annual Royal Show at Stoneleigh.

The Parents' Association arranged a grand end of term Supper Dance and Cabaret which was held in the Greig Hall. The whole year has been a successful and interesting one for everybody.

STAFF NEWS

In December 1973, Mr. M. Dowell left us after seven years as Head of the Biology Department to take up an appointment at Worcester Technical College. His post was taken by Dr. R. Preston-Mafham from Watford Boys Grammar School. We apologise for the omission of this announcement from our last report.

Mrs. J. Land left the Music Department in the Autumn Term 1974, and we were fortunate in obtaining part time help from Mrs. G. Hughes and, later, from Mr. M. Brinson who has now been appointed to take charge of the Music Department from September 1975. We wish him every success in this position.

After thirty-five years as School Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Rutter retired in January 1975. An appreciation of her work appears on another page. In her place, as Headmaster's Secretary, we welcome Mrs. N. Parkinson of Astwood Bank and hope that she will be happy in the School.

Mrs. J. Foster has joined the team of Laboratory Assistants, bringing the total to four part-time helpers in the Science Departments.

During the past year we have been joined by students for a period of teaching practice — Miss Tyrrell (Physics and Mathematics), Miss Jordan (P.E. and Geography) and Mr. Rowley (Crafts, Geography and Games).

Mrs. Rawlins, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Taylor have all helped with Girls' games on Wednesday afternoons.

We regret to announce the deaths of two former masters, Mr. V. V. Druller on April 28th, 1975 and Mr. E. W. Hadwen on June 1st, 1975. Mr. Druller taught English and Latin from 1919 to 1959 and was Editor of the School Magazine from 1923 until his retirement, after which he continued to supply the "Record" with news of Old Scholars from his encyclopaedic knowledge of their activities. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Druller (a former Games Mistress at this School) and to their daughter who is an Old Scholar. Mr. Hadwen came to Alcester G.S. in 1941 to teach Physics and, in the early years, he was also in charge of boys' games and the School Cadet Force. He was well-known in the district as a preacher in the Methodist Church until his retirement to Evesham in 1962. We wish to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Hadwen and to their three sons who were all educated at this school.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Preston-Mafham on the birth of a daughter in August 1975.

Mr. P. J. Holmes left us in July to take up the senior post of Director of Leisure and Recreation at Stratford High School. We thank him for his influence on school sports, his organisation of trips at home and abroad and his help with music and religious education.

We wish success to Mr. C. J. Johnson who has gone to the University of East Anglia on secondment for one year to take an M.Sc. course in Chemistry.

Finally we extend a hearty welcome to new members of staff this September. Mr. D. Cowell from Crawley is in charge of Boys' Physical Education and Games, Mr. A. Hayward from Evesham High School, takes over the Chemistry Department and the Rev. J. Emrys-Jones has

joined us to give Religious Instruction throughout the school. The Modern Languages Department has the assistance of Mlle. Ghislaine d'Hubert from Orleans for one year.

SPEECH DAY 1975

This year Speech Day was held on Monday, 24th March. Certificates and prizes were presented by the guest speaker, Mr. D. E. W. Spencer, M.A. Headmaster of Amesbury School, Hindhead, and son of Dr. Spencer who was for many years a governor of this school and chairman of the board when the school was moved from Birch Abbey in 1912.

Mr. Turner, in his annual report, described the year as one of "consolidation and steady progress". In a reference to the imminent introduction of comprehensive education, he stressed the need for "time and money for successful reorganisation".

Prizes were awarded to the following pupils:-

First Year: Alice Emerson, Anne Hunt.

Second Year: Stephen Dyer, David Robertson.

Third Year: Sylvia Ashton, Christine Beech.

Fourth Year: Roger Green, John Crowe.

Fifth Year: Ann Collins, David Rose, Victoria Coldicutt.

Lower Sixth: Mary McGuire, Paul Morris.

Upper Sixth: English (Audrey Webley Prize): Paula Barlow. French: Lynette Manley. Economics: Ian Aldridge. Geography (Ernest Walker Prize): Catherine Plummer. History: David Freeman. Mathematics: Rosemary Jacques. Physics: Kevin Leeson. Chemistry: Donald Bennett. Biology: Pamela Boyle. Art: Valerie Clarke. Music: Jane Sawyer. Progress: Susan Yates, Vivienne Payne. Service to the school: Kevin Leeson, Julia Robinson. Mason Cup (best O level results): Ann Collins. Spencer Cup (best A level results): Rosemary Jacques.

GIRLS' GAMES

HOCKEY

Regular team members:

1st and 2nd XI: P. Ashton, C. Clarke, M. Clarke, C. Clement, J. Cund, J. Cuzner, C. Duffin, M. Fallon, C. Fisher, C. Lamb, C. Miles, K. Orange, J. Peace, F. Pitcher, B. Pitts, E. Seymour, D. Smith, J. Spiers, H. Whinn.

U14 XI: S. Berridge, B. Carey, S. Clancy, A. Collett, N. Court, S. Day, A. Emerson, K. Hemming, M. Maundrell, N. Pepper, J. Rankin, J. Rogers, D. Rugg, A. Scott, E. Sturley.

U13 XI: M. Allen, C. Brewer, L. Elwood, L. Hayes, D. Haykian, A. Hunt, A. Lancaster, H. Quigley, A. Smart, J. Stevens, H. Thompson, S. Watton, J. Whinn, J. Williams.

Results	1st XI	2nd XI	U14 XI	U13 XI
Solihull	(L) 3—4		(D) 1—1	(W) 2—0
Chipping Campden	(L) 0—2	(L) 1—0		
Kenilworth			(D) 0—0	(L) 3—6
Bromsgrove	(L) 8—0		(W) 2—1	
Bidford			(D) 2—2	(L) 3—0
Campden			(L) 2—0	(W) 3—0
Solihull	(W) 2—0		(L) 1—0	(L) 2—0

Four Pools (L) 4—2 (L) 4—0
 Kenilworth (W) 2—1 (W) 3—1
 Old Students' Match was a draw: 1—1.

GIRLS' TENNIS 1975

2nd VI: J. Allum, C. Baldwin, R. Bryan, C. Duffin, M. Fallon, C. Miles, L. Seymour.

1st VI: S. Aldridge, C. Clarke, M. Clarke, J. Cund, C. Fisher, S. Pugh, D. Ransley.

Junior VI: B. Carey, C. Catherall, N. Court, A. Hunt, C. Jackson-Mee, D. Smith, H. Thompson.

Results	1st VI	2nd VI	Junior VI
Prince Henry's	W 5—4	W 6—2	
Chipping Campden	W 9—0	W 6—2	
Abbey High	W 6—2	W 5—4	
Bromsgrove North	W 5—3	W 5—3	
Bromsgrove South		L 7—2	W 6—3

ROUNDERS

Regular team members:

U14: S. Berridge, N. Court, S. Day, K. Hemming, C. Laurens, M. Maundrell, N. Pepper, D. Rugg.

U13: M. Allen, C. Brewer, B. Carey, L. Elwood, A. Hunt, E. Plummer, J. Stevens, H. Thompson, S. Watton, J. Whinn.

U12: M. Hancox, F. Hazeldine, S. Holt, H. Maines, J. Manley, E. McCarthy, J. Read, C. Ritchie, K. Wells, E. Woodhouse.

Results	U14 IX	U13 IX	U12 IX
Prince Henry's		L 1—0	L 4½—1
Chipping Campden	W 1½—0	W ½—0	
Bromsgrove North	W 4—3	L 5—0	



Charity Football Team



Three-Legged Players and Umpire

BOYS' GAMES

RUGBY

Captain: Michael Zuliani; Vice-Captain: Stephen Smith.

Owing to injuries and a general lack of spirit the Rugby teams did not achieve the same standard of results as in previous years. Six players, Payne, Rose, Strain, Woodhouse, Plummer and Rooves received colours for their efforts on and off the field. Rooves and Williams played well and I hope they will inspire the teams to greater things next season.

The annual dinner and refreshments were enjoyed by all and I hope that this tradition will continue.

M. Zuliani.

Results	played	won	lost
First XV	9	1	8
U16 XV	4	4	0
U15 XV	4	2	2
U14 XV	9	1	8
U13 XV	3	0	3

CRICKET

Results — 1st XI

v Hanley Castle: lost by 4 wickets

- v Abbey H.S.: lost by 6 wickets
- v Kenilworth G.S.: won by 9 runs
- v North Bromsgrove H.S.: won by 15 runs
- v Prince Henry's: match drawn
- v Abbey H.S.: lost by 77 runs
- v Burford G.S.: won by 113 runs
- v Commonweal G.S. Swindon: lost by 77 runs
- v Churchfields Comp. Swindon: won by 61 runs

Batting	Innings	Runs	H.Score	Ave.
Brian Williams	7	161	100	23
Noel Morgan	9	147	39	16
Paul Morris	9	119	47	13.2
Kevin Smith	7	93	40	13.2

Bowling	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
Roger Randall	98.4	251	26	9.6
Noel Morgan	50.1	121	17	7

Colours: Brian Williams, Kevin Smith, Roger Randall, Roger Holland.
 played won lost

Under 15	3	1	2
Under 14	6	2	4
Under 13	3	2	1
Under 12	2	2	0

In many ways 1975 may well be the most significant in the history of School Cricket. For once the total of matches lost was not greater than the matches won and it was also a change to have seven weeks of sunshine in which to play the majority of the matches. This weather did not, however, help the state of the school wicket which is still lethal and unpredictable.

The main feature of the 1st XI season was a short tour of Oxfordshire and Wiltshire which was in all ways successful. Brian Williams will remember the tour for his magnificent 100 not out, which is the first century in school cricket within living memory and we shall all remember the tour for the spirit of unity and comradeship it engendered. Ian Duffin is to be congratulated on the way he stepped into the captain's position at short notice.

At Junior level there seems to be a new interest in cricket with many boys attending extra coaching and playing club cricket. Michael Randall had a final Warwickshire U.13 trial but, although being top scorer, he did not make the final squad. Two other juniors who are worthy of mention are Nicholas Hemming and Mathew Burton who scored 54 runs and took 7 wickets for 4 runs respectively in junior matches. Perhaps the most astonishing performance was David Harrison's 4 wickets for 1 run in one over against Bidford.

On the whole it was a very enjoyable season and it is good to see so many boys playing in local cricket at weekends and also the performances of Robert Yapp (1967-74) for the Warwickshire 2nd XI.

I should like to thank all the captains of the teams for their help and the staff and senior boys who have helped with umpiring.

P.J.H.

SCHOOL TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Girls' Singles: Margaret Clark beat Denise Ransley

Boys' Singles: David Peters beat Simon Plummer

Girls' Doubles: Margaret Clark and Janella Cund beat

Denise Ransley and Carol Fisher

Boys' Doubles: David Peters and Roger Green beat

Simon Plummer and Robert Greig

Mixed Doubles: Kim Badland and Simon Plummer beat

Margaret Clark and Peter Strain

BOYS' TENNIS

Although no competitive tennis against other schools is played, several boys have done well in local and national tournaments.

Martyn Langston has won the Warwickshire Association of Boys' Clubs Championship.

David Peters and Kevin Farmery played well in the Boys' Schools' L.T.A. Midland Tournament, being beaten by the eventual winners from Wyggeston School, Leicester.

David Peters and Simon Plummer played in the Senior Tournament of the Boys' Schools' L.T.A. at Edgbaston and reached the final of the Plate competition.

In July, Simon Plummer and Andrew Willmore played at Wimbledon (on the outside courts!) in the Boys' Schools' L.T.A. major tournament. The experience of playing at the heart of the tennis world was tremendous and, although losing in the first round to Langley Grammar School, the standard of both Simon and Andrew has improved and matured from playing in such a high standard of tennis.

P.J.H.



David Peters and Neal Allen

ANNUAL HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS MEETING 1975

Sports Day, this year, was held on 22nd May, and although many fears concerning the weather were voiced, fortunately none were realised.

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to Mrs. E. Rutter, who presented the awards.

*Denotes a new record.

Senior Girls

5th & 6th	100m	1. E. Wyatt (N); 2. J. Spiers (N); 3. S. Whitehouse (W).
5th and 6th	200m	1. C. Clarke (N); 2. M. Drew (W); 3. C. Clement (W).
High Jump		1. C. Clarke (N); 2. M. Maw (N)/M. Drew (W).
Long Jump		1. E. Wyatt (W); 2. J. Spiers (N); 3. J. Cuzner (S).
Javelin		1. D. Ramsey (W); 2. A. Bonsen (N); 3. P. Ashton (W).
Discus		1. V. Bridge (W); 2. S. Latham (S); 3. J. Allum (W).
Rounders Ball		1. C. Clarke (N); 2. M. Clarke (W); 3. C. Lamb (S).
Relay		1. Newport* (58.6 secs.); 2. Wells; 3. Spencer.

Intermediate Girls

4th Year	100m	1. A. Scott (S) *13.8 secs.; 2. D. Taylor (N); 3. F. Clack (N).
3rd Year	100m	1. A. Lancaster (W); 2. K. Hemming (W); 3. S. Clancy (N).
3rd & 4th	200m	1. A. Scott (S); 2. J. Whinn (N); 3. D. Rugg (W).
High Jump		1. L. Farmery (W); 2. F. Clack (N); 3. K. Hemming (W).
Long Jump		1. D. Taylor (N); 2. M. Maundrell (S); 3. D. Rugg (W).
Discus		1. A. Scott (S); 2. C. Beech (N); 3. J. Ingram (S).
Rounders Ball		1. J. Rogers (S); 2. L. Farmery (N); 3. M. Maundrell (S).
		1. Wells; 2. Newport; 3. Spencer.

Junior Girls

2nd Year	100m	1. J. Stevens (W); 2. J. Broderick (N); 3. R. Swinbourne (N).
1st Year	100m	1. E. Woodhouse (S); 2. S. Edwards (S); 3. K. Wells (W).
1st and 2nd	200m	1. A. Hunt (N); 2. E. McCarthy (S); 3. E. Woodhouse (S).
High Jump		1. E. McCarthy (S); 2. H. Thompson (N); 3. K. Lewis (W).
Long Jump		1. A. Hunt (N); 2. E. McCarthy (S); 3. R. Swinbourne (N).
Rounders Ball		1. H. Thompson (N); 2. A. Hunt (W); 3. B. Carey (S).
Relay		1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.

Senior Boys

6th Year	100m	1. C. Woodhouse (S); 2. R. Greig (S); 3. R. Payne (N).
5th Year	100m	1. K. Farmery (N); 2. P. Parker (S); 3. C. Barlow (W).
5th & 6th	200m	1. C. Woodhouse (S); 2. K. Farmery (N)/R. Greig (S).
5th & 6th	400m	1. P. Ellix (W); 2. P. Parker (S); 3. R. Payne (N).
5th & 6th	800m	1. N. Allen (N); 2. D. Peters (S); 3. P. Morris (S).
5th & 6th	1500m	1. N. Allen (N); 2. D. Peters (S); 3. P. Morris (S).
High Jump		1. J. O'Sullivan (W); 2. K. Farmery (N); 3. A. Willmore (S).
Long Jump		1. D. Peters (S); 2. C. Woodhouse (S); 3. S. Plummer (N).
Triple Jump		1. D. Peters (S); 2. P. Morris (S); 3. C. Barlow (W).
Discus		1. R. Dallaway (N); 2. S. Smith (S); 3. M. Zuliani (S).
Javelin		1. R. Payne (N); 2. D. Reeves (S); 3. P. Strain (N).
Shot		1. M. Zuliani (S); 2. S. Smith (S); 3. D. Reeves (W).
Relay		1. Spencer; 2. Newport; 3. Wells.

Intermediate Boys

4th Year	100m	1. R. Sealey (N); 2. T. Drew (W); 3. S. Davies (S).
3rd Year	100m	1. A. Waters (S); 2. S. Dyer (N); 3. C. Partridge (N).
3rd & 4th	200m	1. R. Sealey (N); 2. G. Dunbar (W); 3. S. Davies (S).

3rd & 4th	400m	1. G. Dunbar (W); 2. C. Partridge (N); 3. McCarthy (S).
3rd & 4th	800m	1. C. Hood (S) *2 mins. 19.8 secs.; 2. H. Rowley (N); 3. T. Clarke (N).
3rd & 4th	1500m	1. C. Hood (S) *4.52; 2. H. Rowley (N); T. Clarke (N).
High Jump		1. I. Crabtree (S); 2. D. Harrison (W); 3. McCarthy (S).
Long Jump		1. T. Drew (W); 2. R. Sealey (N); 3. R. Yates (N).
Discus		1. G. Dunbar (W); 2. A. Waters (S); 3. R. Organ (W).
Javelin		1. T. Drew (W) *41.0m; 2. N. Raspin (S); 3. J. Greenaway (N).
Shot		1. M. Langston (W); 2. P. Hancocks (W); 3. R. Organ (W).
Triple Jump		1. D. Pitts (S); 2. S. Hunt (W); 3. C. Partridge (N).
Relay		1. Wells; 2. Newport; 3. Spencer.

Junior Boys

2nd Year	100m	1. D. Gravestock (N); 2. A. Williams (W); 3. M. Freeman (S).
1st Year	100m	1. D. Broderick (N); 2. N. Hemming (W); 3. R. Smith (S).
1st & 2nd	200m	1. D. Gravestock (N); 2. A. Williams (W); 3. M. Freeman (S).
1st & 2nd	400m	1. A. Rowley (N); 2. T. Noaks (W); 3. I. Fletcher (W).
1st & 2nd	800m	1. A. Rowley (N); 2. N. Hood (S); 3. R. Smith (S).
High Jump		1. A. Yapp (W); 2. I. Watson (S); 3. I. Fletcher (W).
Long Jump		1. D. Gravestock (N); 2. R. Chiltern (W); 3. M. Freeman (S).
Discus		1. I. Sinclair (N); 2. A. Lavender (W); 3. I. Watson (S).
Javelin		1. A. Harding (W); 2. T. Noaks (W); 3. M. Lamb (S).
Relay		1. Newport; 2. Wells; 3. Spencer.

Tug-of-War

1. Spencer; 2. Newport; 3. Wells.

Awards:

Junior Victrix Ludorum: Alison Scott (S).

Senior Victrix Ludorum: C. Clarke (N).

Victor Ludorum: D. Peters (S).

Girls' Sports Cup: Newport.

Boys Sports Cup: Spencer.

Sports Shield: Newport.

BOYS' ATHLETICS

South Warwickshire Results:

Minor Boys 1st; Junior Boys 3rd; Intermediate Boys 1st; Senior Boys 1st.

As the above results show this was a good year for School Athletics and we had by far the largest contingent in the South Warwickshire team for the County Sports. Notable performances were made by Robin Dallaway (1st Senior Discus), Hugh Rowley (2nd Junior 1500m) and Colin Partridge (3rd Junior 800m). Unfortunately no one from the school was selected to represent the County. However it will not be long now that Warwickshire is a much smaller County, before we have more boys representing the County.

Other events have taken place and in a three-cornered match against Bidford H.S. and St. Benedict's H.S. we were placed first in both age groups.

P.J.H.



Spencer winning

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1974-1975

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Senior Boys' Rugby	S	N	W
Junior Boys' Rugby	W	N	S
Senior Girls' Hockey	W	N	S
Junior Girls' Hockey	N	W	S
Senior Boys' Soccer	N	W	S
Junior Boys' Soccer	W	N	S
Cross-Country	S	N	W
Athletic Sports	N	S	W
Senior Girls' Rounders		D R A W	
Junior Girls' Rounders	N	S	W
Senior Girls' Tennis	S	W	N
Junior Girls' Tennis	N	S	W
Senior Boys' Cricket		D R A W	
Junior Boys' Cricket	W	N	S

House Championship: 1st Newport, 100 points; 2nd Wells, 80 points; 3rd Spencer, 72 points.

BADMINTON

This year has been very successful as far as badminton is concerned.

Mixed Doubles

The U16 mixed team have played and won two matches, one against Greville and the other against H. Wheatley's team, with scores of 9-0 and 5-4 respectively.

The mixed team also entered the Warwickshire "Top Schools" U16 Mixed Competition. They reached the final but were beaten 5-4 by Bishop Walsh. The team consisted of —

1st Couple: David Peters, Barbara Carey; 2nd Couple: Kevin Farmery, Alison Scott; 3rd Couple was made up out of: Nicholas Rospin, Stephen Hunt, Deborah Smith, Lesley Harris and Linda Farmery.

In this competition David Peters and Barbara Carey remained unbeaten even in the final.

Boys' Doubles

The U16 Boys also entered the Warwickshire "Top Schools" Competition, but were knocked out after reaching the Quarter finals. The boys also played two matches against Greville, both of which we won 8-1 and 9-0.

The team was chosen from: David Peters, Kevin Farmery, Stephen Hunt, Nicholas Rospin, Chris Hood, Robert Sealey, Roger Green and Michael Allen.

Girls' Doubles

The girls U16's played two matches against Greville. The results were 6-3 and 4-5. The team consisted of the following: Barbara Carey, Alison Scott, Linda Farmery, Deborah Smith, Mary Emerson, and Lesley Harris.

Over 16 Boys

This team entered for the Warwickshire "Top Schools" Over 16 Competition. They beat Sheldon in the first round but had to face Warwick School in the next round, who had a Scottish U18 International playing for them, and Alcester lost 0-7. This team was: David Rose, Andrew Willmore, Simon Plummer and Stephen Cull.

David Peters, 5M.

GYMNASTICS

This year there has been an active sixth form gym club. Keen interest has been shown by several members of the Upper Sixth. The club has included activities ranging from trampolining to weight-lifting and from fencing to gymnastics for both boys and girls alike; everything has been enjoyed by all who have taken part. We would like to thank Mr. Holmes for giving up his time on Friday afternoons after school and for passing on to us his knowledge of the activities undertaken.

Denise Ransley and Kim Baddeley.

The Girls' gymnastics club meets every Wednesday lunchtime in the school hall. It is open to all girls of any experience. Members can use apparatus of their own choice. If necessary they can be helped by Mrs. Bonham to whom we are most grateful for her expert advice and for giving up her spare time to hold the gym club.

Frances Clack, Ruth Lynam, Janet Leighton, 4M.

THE CROSS COUNTRY

This year the inter-house cross country was run on the 25th of March. The conditions were not ideal as the event took place after several days of rain and the ground was muddy with many puddles of water like ice.

In the senior race Christopher Hood took the lead from the very start and was continually increasing the distance between himself and the rest of the runners right up until the finish.

In the junior race I took the lead but soon lost it to Hugh Rowley, Colin Partridge, Alistair Rowley and Nigel Hood, and this order remained throughout the race. David Akerman came sixth.

Stephen McCarthy, 3S.

We acknowledge with thanks the gift from Mr. P. J. Holmes of a trophy for the Junior Cross Country Race. (Editors).

METALWORK CLUB

The club is held on Mondays for an hour after school for any members of the school, including teachers. All the machines are available and this gives an opportunity to those who do not take metalwork as a subject to make or repair an article.

Some of the things that have been made by members of the club are steam-engines, forged gates, fire-irons, candlesticks, garden and engineering tools, copper and brass dishes and jewellery.

John Walters, 3S.

ART CLUB

There has been a maximum attendance at the meetings during most of the year on Thursdays during lunch-time. Activities have included painting and a varied number of crafts of which the most popular seemed to be scraper board and plaster carving.

In February we went to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see the "Story of Ballet" — an introduction to work behind the scenes — and "Giselle", a full-scale production. We have been very grateful to several members of the Lower Sixth who have helped in many ways.

Shirley Millard, 3S.

AMSTERDAM — OCTOBER 1974

A party of sixteen seniors, accompanied by Miss Morgan and Miss Simm, spent four days in Amsterdam at half-term. Visits were made to the Rijksmuseum, the new Van Gogh museum and Rembrandt's house and also to the Frans Hals museum at Haarlem and the Mauritshaus at The Hague. A tour of the canals of Amsterdam was included in the trip.

FOURTH FORM ART GROUP

The Fourth Form Art Group is to be congratulated on their paper mosaic of the Militant Christ as a Roman Soldier, which was exhibited in Alcester Parish Church during the Roman Market in June 1975.

Our thanks to the Following for their illustrations:- David Thompson (Aerial View), Kim Badland (St. Nicholas Church), Veronica Bridge (Malt Mill Lane), Frances Beech (Butter Street), Christine Beech (Ants), and Stephen Cull (Photographs).

DRAMA CLUB

Every Tuesday after school the Drama Club meets in Room 6.

For the first two terms we involved ourselves in doing short sketches. In the third term we went a step further and decided to make a film. We had difficulty in making up a suitable story which would include all of the girls. (There are no boys in the Drama Club.)

In the first few weeks of the term Mrs. Mulholland taught us how to use the cine camera and all about different shots such as the pan shot and zoom shot. We also learnt about make-up.

Using many locations for shooting our film, we gradually took more and more shots until we had a complete film. Some shots were delayed owing to bad weather and so we shall probably see the film in September.

Anne Hunt, 2S.

BRIDGE CLUB

Again this year we must thank Mrs. Hughes for giving up her free time to teach and play with members of the school during Friday lunch breaks. We have had a much better turn out with many members of the junior school learning to play. There have been several enjoyable bridge evenings in which the junior forms have shown their true skill. Lastly we must mention the sixth form team which entered the Daily Mail Bridge Cup but failed to qualify for the next round.

Jackie Spiers, U6M.

CONSERVATION GROUP

With the increasing use of mechanical and chemical aids for maintaining the roadside, many verges which originally held an important flora and fauna are being spoilt. A small working party comprising fifth and sixth formers has been formed to work in conjunction with WARNACT (Warwickshire Nature Conservation Trust) to preserve an interesting verge along the stretch of the roadside at Binton. We have met on two Sundays in each month and have so far cleared a fairly long stretch of the roadside of encroaching scrub. Our objective is to preserve an area of limestone flora, a habitat which is uncommon in Warwickshire, at the same time leaving sufficient nesting area for birds.

We are a completely voluntary group and would welcome really enthusiastic helpers who would be willing to come in all weathers if necessary, when we get together again next autumn.

Kathryn Orange, L6S.

MARLE HALL

Last November a group of fifteen boys, including myself, went to Marle Hall in North Wales.

We were greeted by the supervisors who showed us to our dormitories and gave us protective clothing and gear for the week's events. Before tea we went for a walk in order to get to know the place a little better.

The first two days were spent mountain walking which proved to be enjoyable but tiring. On the third day we were taught how to rock climb and how to abseil. On the final day we were taken down a dis-used lead mine where we collected several lumps of unmined lead. The week proved to be very enjoyable and exciting. John Yapp, 4S.

Geography Field Week in North Wales 1975

The Lower Sixth Geography Group visited Marle Hall during the Christmas Holidays from Monday 6th to Saturday 11th of January.

In spite of the fact that it was the middle of winter, the weather was exceptionally good, with only one rainy day, when three members of the group, namely the girls, got slightly lost whilst climbing the Great Orme's Head. During the rest of the week our studies consisted of a town study of Llandúdno, a hike through the Nant-Ffrancon Valley, a whole day at various locations on Anglesey and finally a visit to the slate mines at Blaenau Ffestiniog.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Petherbridge for making the trip possible and for providing a very enjoyable stay at Marle Hall.

Janella Cund and Margaret Clarke, L6S.

Field Study Course

During the Whitsun half-term holiday our Lower Sixth visited Marle Hall. We studied animal and plant Biology in various habitats. We spent an interesting day at the Newborough Warren Nature Reserve on the island of Anglesey where many rare birds are being protected. Also on the island we investigated the marine life of the rocky sea shore. Going further afield we made our way up to a peat bog area where we studied and photographed characteristic plants. Fortunately this year we were able to enjoy an exhausting day on the Snowdonian mountains and discovered several unique alpine flowers. There are also areas of interest in the close vicinity of Marle Hall, including the Great Orme, the salt marshes and some limestone slopes which surround the Hall.

Thanks to the glorious weather and the good spirit of the staff involved everybody enjoyed the expedition tremendously.

Debra Overton, L6L.

SKIING IN BULGARIA 1975

On a cold March morning (at about 5.30) some pupils of Alcester Grammar School, together with some from Hanley Castle High School, started off for the annual skiing holiday. This year we visited Borovets, a small village in the extensive range of the Rila Mountains. After a very pleasant flight, we arrived at the Hotel Edelweiss and were greeted with the traditional welcome of bread, salt and wine (which most of us managed to force down).

We spent most of our time on the nursery slopes getting used to our skis. The majority of us found it quite easy to ski after two or three days' practice. The more advanced skiers went further up the mountain by means of the T-bar or the chair-lift.

On the Saturday we had a break from skiing and visited Sofia. We shopped in the morning and bought most of our souvenirs. In the afternoon we had a guided tour of the city and visited a splendid cathedral.

We flew back to Heathrow on Tuesday, April 1st, after a very enjoyable week, and were welcomed by typical English weather. All of us were still in one piece with the exception of yours truly nursing a bruised thumb! We were accompanied by Mr. Holmes, with Mr. Smith and Miss Abbott from Hanley Castle.

Neale Smith, 3S.

SCHOOL PLAY

This year's school play was a Victorian melodrama called "The Drunkard" or "Down with Demon Drink". As with all melodramas of that era there is a hero to gain our respect, played by Chris Hood, a heroine to gain our sympathy, played by Kim Badland and a villain, excellently played by Chris Howarth who gained our contempt, expressed by hissing from the audience. David Shore delighted everyone with his accent as a country yokel, and Alison Scott gave a convincing performance as a mad girl. Anne Hunt, who also had a humorous part, did well especially because she took the part at short notice.

The costumes, lighting and sound effects added to the play's success. Quick changes between the many scenes were made possible by simple but effective scenery, with projection transparencies by Miss Simm, as backgrounds.

Singing was introduced into the play and it was done well as it is very difficult to act and then sing maintaining a smooth flow. Robert Greig played the piano excellently and with much gusto with regard to the villain.

Our congratulations must go to the unusually young cast and to all the supporting members of the cast, especially Veronica Bridge as Mary's mother, and the gossips, played by Susan Stephens, Debra Overton and Teresa Flanagan and to the stage manager Ruth Maw, but especially to Mrs. Mulholland who was the director and producer of a most enjoyable production. Ann Collins and Hilary Whinn.

BARNARDO HELPERS' LEAGUE

The year 1974-5 has been another record for the Helpers' League — the grand total of all the efforts was £168.49 and I should like to pass on to everyone the warm message of appreciation that I have received from Mr. Combellack, the secretary at headquarters. It would be pleasing if we could raise the total to £200 next year — it is a goal at which to aim.

Mr. Combellack came to school in the Spring to show a film and give a talk to Form 1 and as a result 22 new members were enrolled. It is good to see enthusiasm among the new pupils of the school as it is only by fresh recruitment that we can continue to maintain the level of help we give to the deprived and the handicapped. During the year I have received from headquarters several reminders of the increasing financial burdens placed on Barnardos by inflation and rising taxation. Our membership is now well over a hundred (Summer term 1975) so perhaps we shall again be able to make a record contribution.

Form 1's Christmas Tree collection raised £35.10 (I am pleased to report that each successive Form 1 improves on the result of its predecessors) and the annual box opening produced the splendid total of £118.72. In January Miss Bywater auctioned many of her books and the proceeds of this sale amounted to £4. The Lower Sixth kindly gave the collection from their fancy dress football match (£8.37) to Barnardos also.

Short Service awards have been obtained by Sylvia Ashton, Frances Clack, Jeremy Legg and Stephen Chambers. K.G.M.

GEMSTONE CROSSWORD

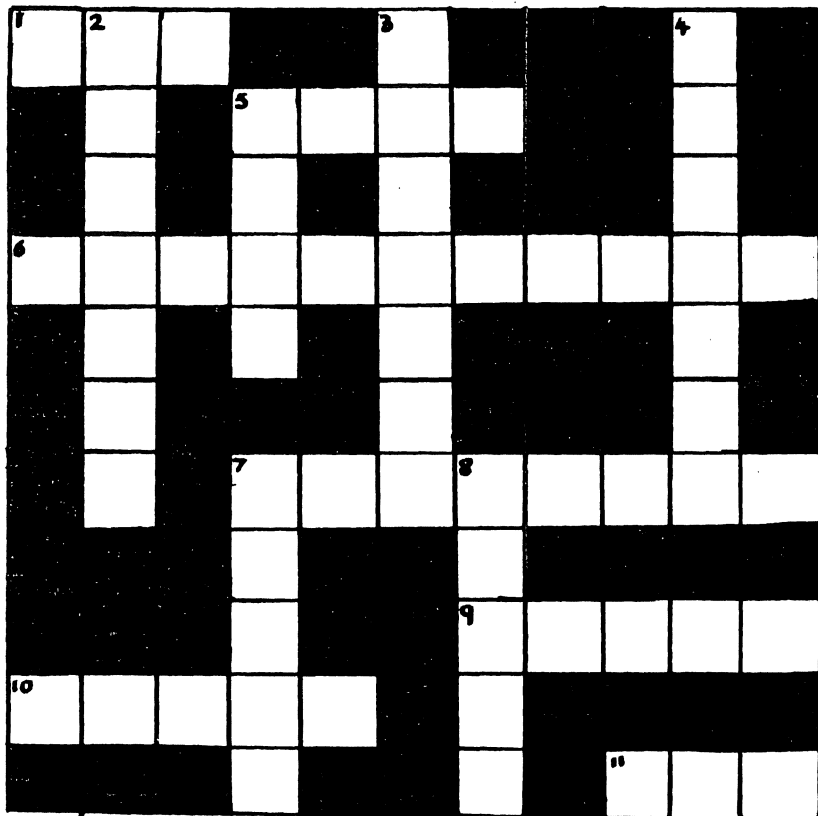
CLUES

Across

1. Describes a colour (sometimes)
5. Precious red gem
6. Opposite of opaque
7. Semi-precious purple stone
9. Found in a shell
10. 11 cut and polished
11. Precious mineral

Down

2. Precious green gem
3. Shell used for its beauty
4. Victorian favourites
5. Popular mount for jewels
7. Stone in traffic lights
8. Birthstone of Scorpio



Jane Williams, 3M.

MAY-DAY MAY-DAY

*The ship passed Cornwall for France,
With her cargo of anthracite duff,
When the gale went up to force nine
And the waves were mighty and rough.
"May-day, May-day", came the signal,
At six twenty-two in the morn;
The weight of the cargo had shifted
And the ship would sink before dawn.
"Abandon ship! Abandon ship!"*

*Came the call to the helpless crew.
 No time to spare for dressing
 As they jumped for the raging blue.
 Only one life-raft was floating,
 So only four sailors got on,
 Their gallant comrades were drowning
 As the search for the raft went on.
 Helicopters to the rescue;
 A hero was winched to the foam.
 Four bodies were brought to the mainland,
 But only two lived to go home.*

Simon Butler, 1M.

SCHOOL

*Back in History with war after war,
 Physics with its lever law,
 Maths that makes us think too hard,
 Drama with its quick charade.
 Art with its many paints and tones,
 Biology with its blood and bones,
 English with its Isle of Treasure;
 There is little time for leisure.
 Chemistry with its slight mishaps,
 Geography with its detailed maps,
 Hockey played in the rain,
 Are sure to make us all insane.*

Eleanor Woodhouse, 1S.

CHEMISTRY MISFORTUNE!

*smell, lime, teacher, calling,
 bunsen, chalk, floor,
 sulphur, heat, acid, falling,
 situation, poor.*

WASHING-UP!

*plates, cups, saucers, all,
 pans, cloths, water,
 soap, floor, sliding, fall,
 now, unhappy daughter.*

Susan Edwards, 1S.

NIGHT

*The night was a cold and dark one;
 The moon was lost from view;
 The wild, windy moor was desolate,
 Deserted, but for two.
 The night was a cold and dark one;
 A mist lay upon the land,
 But two men were outlined against the sky,
 One with a gun in his hand.
 The night was a cold and dark one,
 And deathly silence prevailed,*

*When the sound of a shot split the air,
And was echoed as the wind wailed.
The night was a cold and dark one,
And a deadly stillness lay.
A splash of red on the bracken
Gave the terrible secret away.
The night gave way to morning,
On the ground a carpet of dew,
Overhead the birds were singing;
Would they sing so if they knew?*

Jenny Manley, 1S.

THE WIND

As I looked out of the window all was dark. I could see black shapes moving about, wavering and shrinking back. How weird it all seemed! The window rattled, making me jump in my terror. The wind was hurling around the trees, the houses, the shrubs and the flowers. It bellowed as it went over the hills, wailing as it dipped down into the valleys. The wind was howling as it closed around the house, seeming to get nearer and nearer. When I crept back to bed the wind whistled as it crept under the door causing a draught, making the pages of my book turn over quickly one by one. The wind whined around the chimney, and I heard the crashing of a tile falling heavily to the ground. The wind was very ferocious as it whistled and screeched over the bushes. I pulled the bedclothes over my head, and as my eyelids became heavier and heavier the sound of that treacherous wind drifted slowly away into the depths of my imagination.

Clare Brewer, 2S.

MR. QUIN'S FEET

*At No. 41 Maplegrove Street
There lives a man with curious feet.
Imagine his difficulty when he tries
To buy some shoes that are not his size.
When he goes for a walk along Applegrove Lane
He walks and he hobbles as if he's in pain.
"Oh really", people say, "it is such a treat
To catch a glimpse of Mr. Quin's feet".
When he goes to bed more problems arise
As Mr. Quin's feet reach up to the skies.
How he manages nobody knows,
But some people say he sleeps on his nose.*

Melanie Green, 2M.

GERIATRIC WARD

*White frail bodies,
Propped up by numerous pillows.
Deep blue and brown eyes,
Hidden by many soft brown wrinkles.
Gnarled hands,
Speckled with brown age spots.
Large protruding veins,
Knuckles swollen with arthritis.*

*White and grey hair,
Some knee length,
Some short.
Some people in pain,
Others asleep,
Others reading,
Some surrounded by flowers and friends,
Others, alone.*

Christine Taylor, 2S.

A PROBLEM

*How do you mend a Grannie's tallest tree?
Take one from this question and you're left with two.
Take two from this question and you're left with you.
Take you from this question and you're left with me.
Take me from this question and you're left with rags.
Take rags from this question and you're left with lads.
Take lads from this question and you're left with rat.
Take rat from this question with Len and with I.
You're left with an answer meaning 'Goodbye'.*

The End.

Sharon Watton, 2M.

THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

*I think the school magazine is alright
For people who like to sit down and write
A puzzle, poem, or even a story,
Which might turn out to bring them glory,
But woe is me who hates to write
Except under pressure and it takes all night.*

Tony Noaks, 2M.

THE AMUSING GAME OF GOLF

The general idea of golf is to get a small white ball of roughly 1.5 inches in circumference into a small hole of 2.5 inches in diameter. The area around the hole is treasured by the resident greenstaff and kept as smooth as a baby's bottom. Golf clubs are badly suited to propel the ball forwards and often get twisted round opponents' necks.

In certain areas of Scotland seagulls tend to hover over the course. If one of these is brought down it is known as a 'Birdie'. In more remote parts of Scotland rarer birds hover. If one of these is brought down it is known as an Eagle'.

When a budding youngster begins the game he usually plays with his father. This is known as 'a round under par'. His father usually gives him lessons on driving, cheating, putting, swearing and how to speak politely to the captain.

The golf-ball is a small round object as dimpled as a Bishop's knee. It is usually designed to fly into glass objects, bunkers, rabbit holes and clumps of bushes. Also large lakes which consist of mainly

water are placed by the designers to bring misery and wet feet to millions of golfers.

Usually when playing a round of golf you will find a large pile of scorecards in the bin of the second hole. Do not despair at this as there will always be a bin on the third hole.

Whilst playing golf you will get the thrills of sinking a two-inch putt or getting a six on a par three.

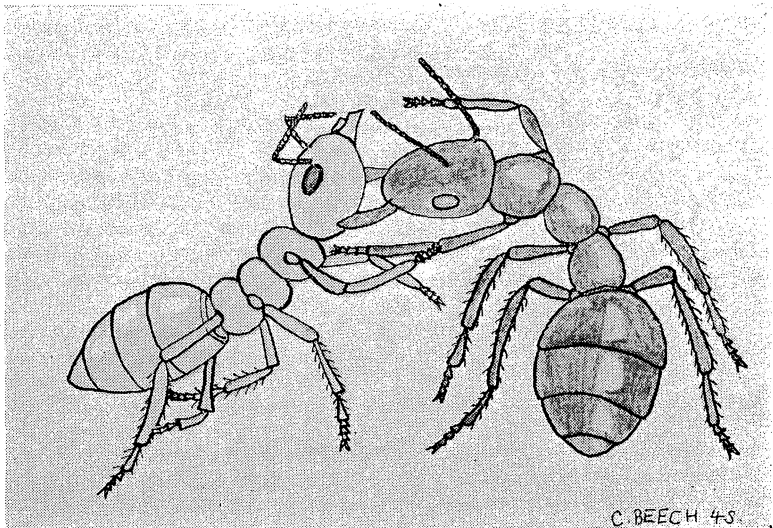
When a golfer becomes qualified to return a reasonable score he becomes the envy of the remaining golfers. This is usually obtained by a friend who cannot add up properly. The secret of golf is to get a grade 8 (E) in Maths!

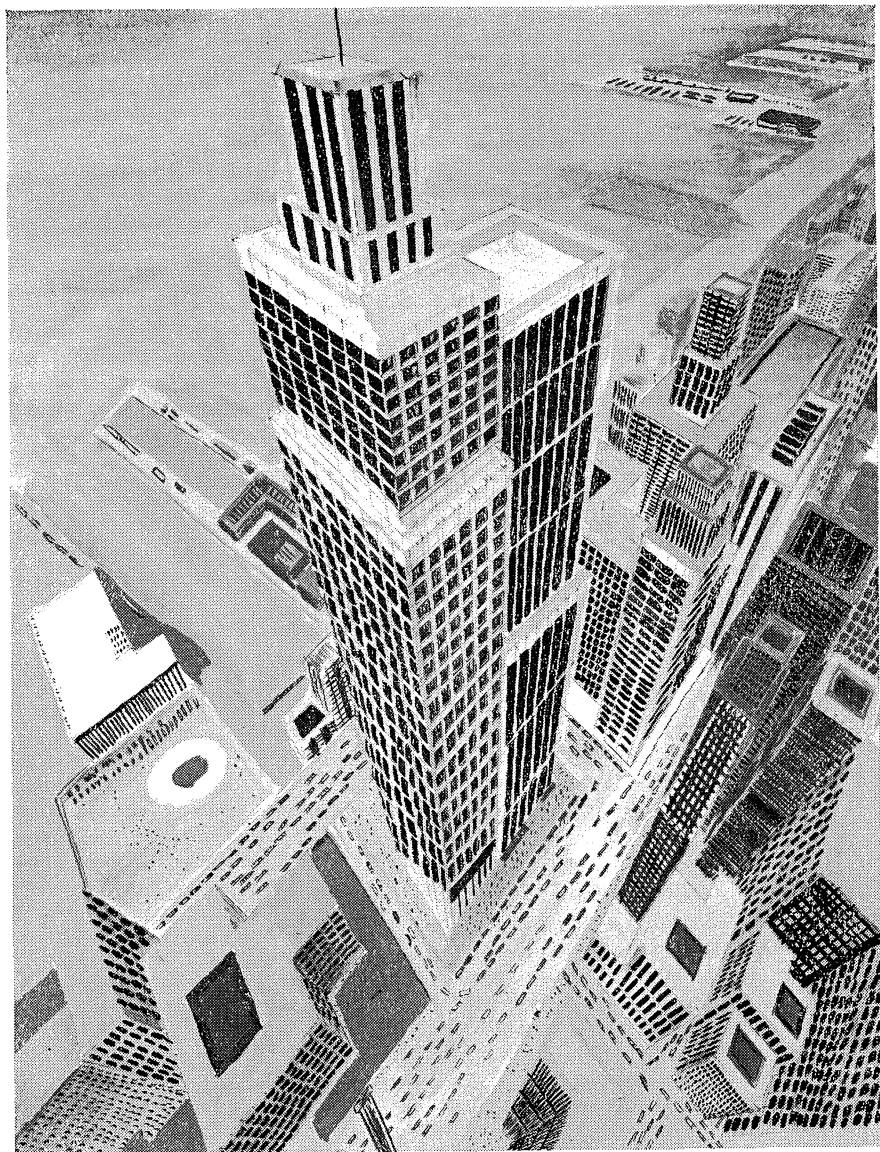
Andrew Dunbar, 3M.

ANTS

*Soldiers in bronze armour
March ever onwards;
Knights in battle,
They march on.
Power infinite,
Seemingly indestructible,
But a careless step,
Or children in their ignorance;
These armoured beings
March no more.*

Duncan Neville 3S.





Aerial View

THE GUIDE AND SCOUT MOVEMENT

Many people I know think that the Guide and Scout Movement is an easy game of tying knots and doing a good deed every day. Maybe it was so thirty years ago, but to-day this movement is one of the most interesting organisations for young people.

Just recently I attended an activity weekend at an army barracks at Nuneaton with Rangers and Venture Scouts. There, I did, among other things, rock-climbing and parascending, which I am sure most people would never get the opportunity to do in their whole lifetime. All of these activities were under expert supervision, and we were certainly not lacking in entertainment at night. One evening we had a disco, and the next we had a folk evening.

Once a month the Alcester Rangers visit Abbeyfields, the home for mentally-handicapped people near Studley, where we join in with their weekly disco.

Altogether my time spent with the Rangers has always been enjoyable and most rewarding.

Siobhan Clancy, 3S.

THE HUNT

*Horses, ponies, gelding, mares,
Each an eager look now wears.
Ears are pricked and hooves are waiting;
Every moment's pause they're hating.
Snorting nostrils warm the air;
Riders wait without a care.
Chinking bits and creaking leather,
Then they're off across the heather.
Now the country's full of sound,
Hoofbeats drumming on the ground.
Cries and shouts of exultation,
Each one feels exhilaration.
Every rider strains to view
The wily fox as he breaks through.
Hounds race forward giving tongue.
The fox is old; the hounds are young.
On and on they chase their victim.
Spurting now they almost reach him.
He's a dog-fox old and thin,
And what a chase they're giving him!
Hounds reach the fox; he has no breath;
All pain is overcome by death.*

Julia Rankin, 3S.

STAR PUPIL?

*This is the tale of Mildred Flit
What came bottom in English Lit.
Her English Lang. weren't any gooder;
For it never sounded like it should'er.
Her English master tried to get her
To write English much more better.
At Maths I fear she did not shine,*

*As eight and eight made forty-nine!
 Her tries at trigonometry
 Were far from all they ought to be.
 Alas it really was not fair;
 Her compasses made a perfect square.
 Her History, too, was rather fated;
 It was not as the book had stated.
 "1066", she loudly cried,
 "Was when Victoria finally died!
 And when Napoleon did attack,
 Caesar stabbed him in the back!"
 Her Geography was full of mirth
 For nowhere could she find the earth.
 Her north and south she oft did mix
 Which got her in an awful fix!
 And very soon it came to light,
 That Mildred was not very bright.
 Debra Smith, 4S.*

DAWN

*What is more beautiful,
 Than the beginning of a day,
 To see the dawn begin to glow,
 With the sun's first golden ray.
 It sweeps across the valleys,
 And over mountains tall.
 It glistens on the meadows,
 As the birds begin to call.
 It dances over tiny streams,
 The mists begin to clear —
 The magic of a sun-rise,
 Now that dawn is here.*

Jeannie Tarver, 3S.

THE MAD ONES

*They seemed so strange.
 We tried to talk to them
 But they could not, would not listen.
 When the moon was a glowing orb
 They cringed and cried and clung in terror.
 We said there was nothing to fear,
 Wrapped in frenzy they could not hear.
 They knew differently;
 They understood the mystery.
 Or so it seemed
 To us who were afraid
 Of abnormality.
 And when the powerful moon began to wane,
 The tension went.
 They chatted to each other
 Unperturbed. And so intelligent.*

*Until, at last, we wondered
When that all-powerful moon began to wane:
Were we the mad ones then,
And they the sane?*

Sylvia Ashton, 4M.

HEADLINE NEWS!

*Woman found murdered in back street shed.
Husband says thank you for his release.
£10,000 found in an old bed.
"Let it lie", say district police.
Dutch Elm disease is spreading fast.
Timber industry short of supplies.
Lost ship is found by sight of mast.
Sudden swarm of giant flies.
Teacher dies of mystery illness.
Children rampage through local school.
Story of village enveloped in stillness.
Town to get new swimming pool.
Harold and Ted to fight a duel.
Guns go off but no one hurt.
Hospitals on "work to rule".
Man gets divorced through dirty shirt.
Battered baby dies at home.
Lions escape from safari park.
Kids of five to act in Rome.
Power cuts leave New York dark.*

Janet Leighton, 4M.

ODE TO MOCK 'A' LEVELS

*We thought we heard a rumour that we were to take exams,
They called them mock 'A' levels, with notes and diagrams.
The teachers warned us in advance, "You must start work to-day
You've no more time to sing and dance. It's time for work, not play."*

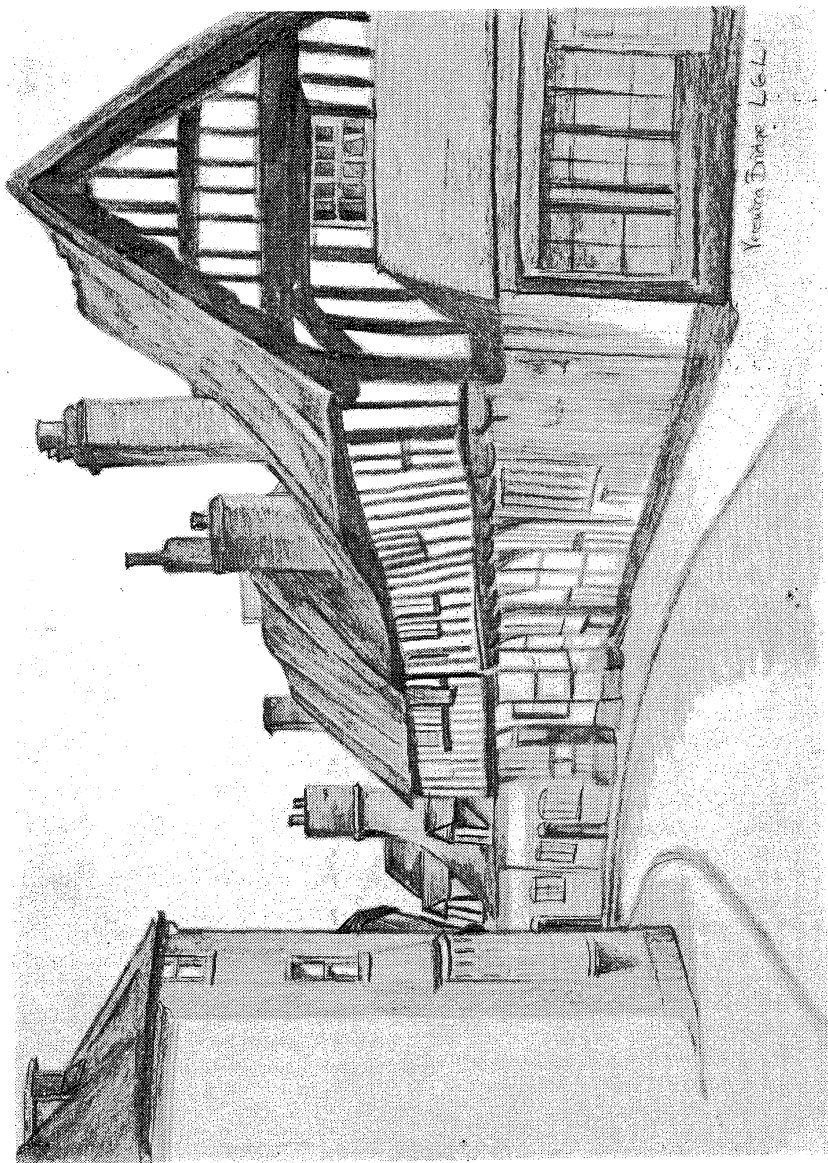
*"No, no. There's nothing in it;
the staff are playing tricks.
Let's just sit back and drink our tea,"
declared the upper sixth.*

*Oh cruel fate, oh foolish minds, that rumour proved so true,
and exams neared and pupils feared they'd too much work to do.
They studied madly every night before exams next day.
They knew they didn't stand a chance but there's no other way.*

*Results then will be drastic.
Our teachers will go spare.
We'll be punished, tried, and lectured
and so I warn, beware . . .*

*Beware these vicious rumours; some may be true you see,
and you'll be using exam time, composing odes, like me!*

Carol Fisher, U6.



Malt Mill Lane

WEEKEND IN WALES

On the afternoon of Friday, 11th July, six girls from 4S stalked cautiously round to the back of the school and clambered into the waiting mini-bus.

We (the six girls) waited for the intrepid Mr. Holmes, who, being an expert driver of mini-buses, was going to attempt the long and arduous journey into the centre of darkest Wales.

We were accompanied by Mrs. Holmes with their two young sons.

The journey passed without any interruption except for the occasional hoop landing on our heads, these missiles having come from the direction of the tram. A couple of us felt sick and this was not helped by Mr. Holmes' never-ending singing and the appearance of dark gloomy clouds. Thus we reached the campsite in almost complete safety only to find a gate in our way. Nothing daunted, however, we opened it!

Entry having been achieved we proceeded to put our tents up, much to the delight of some campers who had already overcome this difficulty. Mr. Holmes was slightly hampered by Paul's attempts to ski with the tent poles. Tents up and fairly stable, we went in search of food. Using all our skill and judgement we found the local 'chippy'.

Exploring the shore of a nearby lake we found the numerous 'piranha flies' which plagued the area.

The evening finished with a quick streak from Paul closely pursued by Mr. Holmes, brandishing a pair of pyjamas.

In the morning we began the complicated business of cooking breakfast, which to everyone's surprise turned out very well.

Later, with packed lunches in a ruck-sack, we set out to explore the Welsh countryside. Though somewhat dampened and slightly off course we had a good walk. As the day continued, so the rain increased. This resulted in invading the town of Brecon.

After returning to the camp-site we had our 'cornbeef hash' and spent the evening playing cards.

On Sunday we packed up our belongings and after a cup of coffee we went to explore some more Welsh countryside with the express object of finding Puff, the Magic Dragon. This failed, even though we found his home and some footprints. However, we saw many truncated spurs which made up for all disappointments.

After a visit to an abbey. (the name of which we have all forgotten) we returned home, driving on the pavements when the road was too busy and across traffic islands to save time.

Trudy Hillman, Jenny Ingram, Diane Taylor, Lesley Harris,
Mary Emerson, Debra Smith.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The past year has been extremely successful as the Association goes from strength to strength. A full and varied programme was organised and a profit of nearly £1,200 has been donated to the school.

It is always the intention to spread the funds as far as possible and thus benefit the greatest number of pupils. Consequently, follow-

ing the previous year's contributions which largely went to the Drama group, it has been decided this year to contribute to the musical and literary departments. £400 each is to go to the purchase of new musical instruments and new books for the library.

But, apart from the results achieved, a great deal of fun has been had from the fine efforts which have been made. Perhaps the most memorable evening of the year was the "Carols at Coughton" last Christmas when, in the atmosphere of a glorious log fire, all the essence of a traditional Christmas was created.

If sitting and listening to others is not to your liking then there is the Badminton club which is now in its third season and, an innovation this year, a Tennis club in the summer. On top of this there were no fewer than three dances during the year.

The Barn Dance and the Annual Dance were again successfully held and an additional Summer Dance at the end of the summer term was arranged for the first time.

Other new ventures included a trip to the A.T.V. studios to see "New Faces" and an evening of various games at the school. The Spring Fayre was a great success despite the weather which failed to dampen our enthusiasm and, I am glad to say, failed to keep people away. Similarly the pre-Christmas Bring and Buy Sale achieved an excellent result.

It is pleasing to see so many new parents taking an active interest in the Association and this augurs well for the future. We can only hope that both parents and children continue to benefit from the existence of the Association and thus help it achieve its objects of fostering interest in and support for the school in a spirit of fellowship, co-operation and understanding.

A.T.

THE RETIREMENT OF MRS. E. M. RUTTER

Almost exactly thirty-five years since her appointment to what was then a part-time position as school secretary, Mrs. Rutter retired last January.

During the early years of the war her duties and responsibilities increased rapidly. In addition to her secretarial work she was given charge of school meals, being responsible for both purchasing and catering. It may be of some interest to present pupils to learn that the kitchen in those days was what is now the Staff Marking Room and Room 1 served as a main dining room with overflow arrangements in the corridor, the old Art Room, now Room 7, and in the hall, now the library. The evacuation to Alcester of King Henry VIII Grammar School from Coventry presented many additional problems with which Mrs. Rutter and others had to struggle.

On the catering side Mrs. Rutter's problems were eased somewhat when in 1945 a "new" kitchen (hardly new — in fact, a converted workshop!) was opened and a "Canteen" built alongside it. Both these buildings disappeared with the recent rebuilding and occupied the site of the present quadrangle.

Throughout her career at A.G.S. Mrs. Rutter has been a great friend of the Old Scholars' Guild. In recognition of her services she was made a Life Member of the Guild in 1948. Old Scholars have reason to be very grateful to her for the work she did, particularly in catering but also in many other ways, for the many functions held in school in the post-war years.

Until the appointment of resident caretakers in recent years, Mrs. Rutter was also responsible for school cleaning, her local knowledge being invaluable in the recruiting of cleaning staff. On more than one occasion the school has found itself without a caretaker for varying periods of time and always Mrs. Rutter has stepped in the breach.

Over the years Mrs. Rutter has given a feeling of continuity in the life of the school. Old Scholars visiting the school would often find that there had been many changes in the teaching staff since their day but Mrs. Rutter was always there in her office, would remember them and show great interest in their careers.

Always preferring to work quietly in the background, Mrs. Rutter was rarely seen on formal school occasions, although she was Guest of Honour at the first of the Parent Association's Spring Fayres and, more recently, since her retirement, presented the awards at Sports Day.

Mrs. Rutter may feel sure that all who have experienced her help and kindness whilst at A.G.S. join in wishing her a long and happy retirement.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Jonathan Joyce (64-71), honours degree (class 2, i) in Civil Engineering at Bradford University. Returning to the University to study for a further degree.

Martin Whalley (65-72), honours degree (class 2 ii) in Civil Engineering at Birmingham University.

Stephen Rewse (67-72), B.Sc. (class 3) in Bio-chemistry at Nottingham University.

Margaret Cullum (64-71), honours degree, B.Tech (class 2, i) in Applied Chemistry at Brunel University — sponsored by Kodak. Margaret is working in the British American Tobacco Corporation on Paper Technology.

Stella Michell (63-70), B.A. (class 2, ii) at Leicester University in Latin and Archaeology. She is now an assistant conservation officer at the British Museum.

Nicholas Joyce (69-71) is restoring antique furniture at West Dean College, near Chichester.

Julie Holsman (70-73), after taking a foundation course at Mid-Warwickshire College of Further Education, has gained a place on the Fine Art course at Reading University.

Janis Jansons (66-73) has started the Fine Art course for a B.A. degree at Chelsea School of Art.

Sheila Michell (57-64), after teaching Spanish for a year at Roseau, Dominica in the West Indies, is visiting countries in South America before returning to Britain.

Sarah Douglas (64-69) is touring the country in a Brian Rix farce.
 Anthony Davies (67-74) has started a course of teacher training at Trinity College, Carmarthen.
 Michael Fallon (72-74) has started a course of teacher training at the College of Education in Reading.
 John Henry Gittus (38-47) was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Stockholm University in 1974 and the degree of Doctor of Science at London University in 1975, for his detailed "Contribution to the theory of thermal and irradiation creep in metals." Mr. J. H. Gittus took a B.Sc. degree at London University, externally, in 1951, was granted a Robert Warner Fellowship in 1954 by the Worshipful Company of Founders and is now Research Manager at Reactor Fuel Element Laboratories and lives at Wrea Green, Preston.

MARRIAGES

1974 Timothy Saunders (63-69) to Patricia Beddows (63-71).
 1975 Timothy Oldham (68-73) to Maria Tew.
 Stephen Furness (68-72) to Anne Lawrence (65-72).
 Martyn Walsham to Carole Rimell (60-67).
 John Wibberley (66-73) to Paula Barlow (67-74).
 Bernard Williams to Lynette Manley (67-74).
 Nigel Groves (72-74) to Gillian Bowman.
 Christopher Whateley (65-69) to Rosalin Bell (66-72).

DEATH

Sheriff Wright (Birch Abbey Grammar School) died in Stratford-upon-Avon at the age of 75. He was head postmaster at Spalding, Lincolnshire until his retirement in 1960.

BIRTH

1975 Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. Woollatt (née Geraldine Jolliffe) (64-72) on the birth of a daughter.

EXAMINATION RESULTS 1975

Key: E.Lang—English Language, EC—Economics, E.Lit—English Literature, F—French, G—German, S—Spanish, H—History, Geog—Geography, M—Mathematics, FM—Further Mathematics, P—Physics, C—Chemistry, B—Biology, HB—Human Biology, ED—Engineering Drawing, MW—Metalwork, Ck—Cookery, HE—Home Economics, A—Art, Mus—Music, SEH—Social and Economic History. * denotes highest grade.

OXFORD ADVANCED LEVEL

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WHAT NEXT?

Upper Sixth Form Leavers:-

To Universities: Kim Baddeley (Electronics at Kent), Robert Greig (Economics at Bath), Paul Morris (Natural Sciences at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge), Alan Kibblewhite (Agriculture at Reading), Caroline Jones (English at Leeds), Clive Biddle (Chemistry at Aston), Andrew Clark (Materials Science at Brunel), Ian Duffin (Accountancy at Birmingham), Paul Godfrey (Electronics at Chelsea College, London), Noel Morgan (Biological Sciences at Leicester), Ann Gayfer (Zoology at Exeter), Philippa Hallam (Biochemistry at Umist), Maria Maw (Biochemistry at Kent), Mary McGuire (Modern Languages at Queen Mary's College, London).

To Colleges of Education: Peter Ellix (Bognor Regis), Brian Richardson (Nene, Northampton), David Thompson and Beverley Wilson (King Alfred's, Winchester), Carol Fisher (Northumberland), Frances Pitcher (Bath), Susan Pugh (Worcester), Denise Ransley (Portsmouth), Julie Spiers (Loughborough).

To other Colleges: Andrew Willmore (Accountancy at Birmingham Polytechnic), Sheryl Aldridge (Domestic Arts at Birmingham College of Food), Patricia Rodway (Music at Huddersfield Technical College), Michael Zuliani (Surveying at Brooklyn Technical College), Andrea Sanford (Business Studies HND at Mid-Cheshire College, sponsored by I.C.I.).

To other training: Angela Bonsen (Civil Service), Corinne Clarke (A levels at Redditch), Jane Fitzsimmons (Nursing School, Queen Elizabeth's Hospital), Astrid Gooderick (Bristol School of Physiotherapy), Sandra Latham (Shrewsbury School of Radiography), Jacqueline Spiers (National Westminster Bank), Stephen Smith (Police Force), Gillian Crowe (H.M. Inland Revenue), Helen Schober (Radiography at Guy's Hospital), Peter Scott (Accountancy).

Lower Sixth Form Leavers:-

Adrian Brookes (Rushcliffe School, Nottingham), Richard Payne (A levels at Stratford College), Catherine Longstaff (Birmingham College of Food and Domestic Arts), David Hawkins (Royal Navy), Caroline Clement-Spiers and Sandra Martyn (Secretarial Course at Stratford College).

Fifth Form Leavers:-

Roger Randall (Catering), Susanna Collins (Hotel Reception), Hazel Flynn (Business Studies), Linda Walsh (A levels), Carole Waters (Secretarial) — all at South Warwickshire College of Further Education. Barbara Pitts (Business Studies), Nicholas Andrews (Engineering) — both at Redditch College of Further Education. Elaine Bradley (Bromsgrove College of Further Education), Anne Colbourne (Solihull College of Further Education), Susan Elwood (High Wycombe College of Art and Technology), David Berridge and Paul Rogers (Motor Industry), Gregory Atherton (Merchant Navy), John Morris (Management Trainee with Midland Red Bus Co.), Neil Sanford (Insurance), Erica Wyatt (Medical Secretary), Valerie Perry (not known).

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Autumn Term 1974

Jeremy Roberts (5M), Roseline Cain (2S), Deborah Spiers (1S), John Tongue (1S).

Spring Term 1975

Joy Blakey (L6S), Lesley Hayes (2S), Robert Ryan (4S).

Summer Term 1975

U6M—Kim Baddeley, Peter Ellix, Robert Greig, Paul Morris, Brian Richardson, David Thompson, Andrew Willmore, Alan Kibblewhite, Sheryl Aldridge, Angela Bonsen, Corinne Clarke, Jane Fitzsimmons, Astrid Gooderick, Caroline Jones, Sandra Latham, Patricia Rodway, Jacqueline Spiers, Beverley Wilson.

U6S—Clive Biddle, Andrew Clark, Ian Duffin, Paul Godfrey, Noel Morgan, Peter Scott, Stephen Smith, Michael Zuliani, Gillian Crowe, Carol Fisher, Anne Gayfer, Philippa Hallam, Maria Maw, Mary McGuire, Frances Pitcher, Susan Pugh, Denise Ransley, Andrea Sanford, Helen Schober, Julie Spires.

L6—Adrian Brookes, Richard Payne, Graham Raspin, David Hawkins, Catherine Longstaff, Caroline Clement-Spiers, Sandra Martyn.

5M—Gregory Atherton, David Berridge, John Morris, Neil Sanford, Elaine Bradley, Anne Colbourne, Barbara Pitts, Valerie Perry, Erica Wyatt.

5S—Roger Randall, Paul Rogers, Nicholas Andrews, Susanna Collins, Susan Elwood, Hazel Flynn, Linda Walsh, Carole Waters, Anne Ewins, Patricia Mutton.

2S—Lorraine Elwood.

1M—Susan Sanwo.

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2M—David Hemingway (Greville H.S.), Peter J. Bridgewater (Solihull School).

2S—Nigel C. Braithwaite (King's, Worcester), Julian M. Wain (Lichfield Cathedral School), Janette Hasson (Greville H.S.), Louise F. Fatek (Sutton Coldfield).

3S—Richard Portman (Blackminster School).

4M—Ann M. Sullivan (High Wycombe).

4S—Jayne Portman (Prince Henry's, Evesham).

5M—Julie A. Quiney (Studley H.S.).

L6N—Rupert Collins, Franco Crispo, Angela Murphy, Bernadette Murphy, Marie Stephens (St. Benedict's H.S.).

L6S—Rocco Valentino (St. Benedict's H.S.), Jonathan Jones, Alison Gayfer, Linda Watson (Greville H.S.).

L6W—John Seeney (St. Benedict's H.S.), Juliette Mulvaney (Oxford), Geraldine O'Sullivan (St. Benedict's H.S.).

U6M—Hazel M. Williams (Kineton H.S.).

LATE NEWS

We are sad to report the death of Mr. John Clark, an Old Scholar of the Birch Abbey School. We are extremely grateful to his daughter, Mrs. P. Monteny, who is returning two trophies which her father received for athletics in or about 1908. These will be known as the John Clark Cups and will be awarded to the Junior Victor Ludorum and, at Mrs. Monteny's request, to the winner of the long distance race (mile or equivalent).

The Headmaster would be interested to know of any surviving members of the school from the pre-1912 days.



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